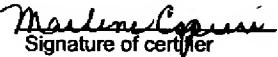


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 2, 2006, Applicants herewith elect with traverse the species of extract containing the saponin arganin A of claims 27 and 28. Claims 14, 15, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 30-33 read on the elected species. As disclosed in the specification, Arganin A and proteins are generally present in the extracts of Argania Spinosa unless the extracts have been especially treated to remove the components from the extract.

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Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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